

# **Winfield Taylor Durbin collection**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Rare Books and Manuscripts
<b>Title</b>	Winfield Taylor Durbin collection
<b>Date</b>	1899-1954
<b>Extent</b>	0.01 Cubic feet 1 folder
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Text [Folder]</b>	S393

### Preferred Citation

Winfield Taylor Durbin collection, Rare Books and Manuscripts, Indiana State Library

## Biographical Note

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Winfield Taylor Durbin was governor of Indiana from 1901 to 1905. His son was Fletcher M. Durbin, who was living in Chicago in 1932.

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## Scope and Contents

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This collection includes an enlistment certificate, correspondence, a family history, and a biography from Winfield Taylor Durbin in Indianapolis, Indiana ranging from 1899 to 1954.

The oldest document in this collection is an 1899 certificate regarding the enlistment of Winfield T. Durbin as Colonel of the 161st Indiana Volunteer Regiment on June 18, 1898 to serve for two years during the war.

On April 11, 1903, Governor Durbin wrote to a colonel about the dedication of Indiana monuments at the Shiloh battlefield.

Two lists, one handwritten and one typed, give Durbin family members with dates, beginning with number 50 through 161. On this list, Governor Durbin is number 98. A two-page narrative written in pencil tells about number 90, Edmund Nunn Durbin (1831-1852) being killed when the boiler of the steamboat Red Stone exploded on April 3, 1852 at Scotts Landing, one mile from Carlton, Kentucky.

A two-page typed narrative gives the story of William N. Durbin, born 1859, nephew of Winfield Taylor Durbin, who lived in Anderson, Indiana. A 14-page typed transcript tells about Winfield Taylor Durbin's family history.

The last part of this collection is in an envelope entitled "Warren T. McCray \$10,000.00 Note." Eight items in this envelope explain the significance of this Gold Note issued on July 1, 1925, while Warren McCray was governor of Indiana, and for which he apparently went to prison (see Fletcher Durbin's letter to Harold Brigham dated December 13, 1954 enclosed therein).

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## Arrangement

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This collection is arranged chronologically.

## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

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### Custodial History

This collection was received by Rare Books and Manuscripts as a donation from Fletcher M. Durbin on 1954/11/18.

### Accruals

No further additions are expected.

### Processing Information

Collection processing and finding aid completed 2014/05/22 by Nikki Stoddard Schofield.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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### Geographic Name(s)

- Indiana

### Personal Name(s)

- Brigham, Harold
- McCray, Warren T.

### **Subject(s)**

- Biography
- Correspondence
- Family history
- Politics and government
- Recruiting and enlistment
- Shiloh, Battle of, Tenn., 1862